

Application No. 10/803,255

Amendments to the Specification

In page 8, lines 12-18 of the Application, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph, as amended:

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A system and method for inputting Chinese characters using phonetic-based or stroke-based input method in a reduced keyboard is disclosed. By introducing common indices to ideographic characters, the system allows the ideographic characters to be shared among different type of input methods such as phonetic-based input method and stroke-based input method. The system matches input sequences to input method specific indices such as phonetic or stroke indices. These input method specific indices are then converted into indices to ideographic characters, which ~~is~~ are then used to retrieve ideographic characters.

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In page 22, lines 13-15 of the Application, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph, as amended:

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During the input process, the user may enter partial syllables for each of the multiple syllable words. Preferably, the number of ~~partial~~ keystrokes for each partial syllable is one, for example, the first keystroke of each syllable.

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In page 22, lines 20-23 of the Application, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph, as amended:

During the input process, the user may also select one of the many inputs associated with a special wildcard input. The special wildcard input may match zero or one of phonetic characters, zero or one of strokes, or any or all tones.